

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we begin to surrender some of our freedom to be informed in a non bias balanced way. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter rather than a distorted vewpoint. It is unfair in this country that we allow persons of money to yield such power to distort the views of of fellow Americans running for public office . Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.